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Application No.	09/928,259
Filing Date	August 11, 2001
First Inventor	Lloyd E. Fladgard
Group Art Unit	3724
Examiner Name	Douglas D. Watts
Atty. Docket Number	470692-0006US01P

☒ Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 C.F.R. 1.27)

METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. **50-1266**; Deposit Account Name: **DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP**.

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Extra Claim Fees

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total	20		\$	\$ 0
Ind.	3		\$	\$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claims			\$	\$
Subtotal (Extra Claims)				\$ 0

Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), & (h)

Enclosed is a Petition filed under 37 CFR as indicated below:

- ☐ Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) **Fee \$400**
- § 1.53(e) to accord a filing date.
 - § 1.57(a) to accord a filing date.
 - § 1.182 for decision on a question not provided for.
 - § 1.183 to suspend the rules.
 - § 1.378(e) for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing delayed payment of maintenance fee in expired patent.
 - § 1.174(b) to accord a filing date to an application under §1.740 for extension of patent term.
- ☐ Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g) **Fee \$200**
- § 1.12 for access to an assignment record.
 - § 1.14 for access to an application.
 - § 1.47 for filing by other than all inventors or person not the inventor.
 - § 1.59 for expungement of information.
 - § 1.103(a) to suspend action in an application.
 - § 1.136(b) for review of a request for ext. of time when §1.136(a) not avail.
 - § 1.295 for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration.
 - § 1.296 to withdraw a req. for pub. after notice of intent to publish issued.
 - § 1.377 for review of decision refusing to accept a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of a patent.
 - § 1.550(c) for request for ext. of time in *ex parte* reexam. proceedings.
 - § 1.956 for request for ext. of time in *ex parte* reexam. proceedings.
 - § 5.12 for expedited handling of foreign filing license.
 - § 5.15 for changing the scope of a license.
 - § 1.5.25 for retroactive license.
- ☐ Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) **Fee \$130**
- § 1.19(g) to request documents in a form other than provided in this part.
 - § 1.84 for accepting color drawings or photographs.
 - § 1.91 for entry of a model or exhibit.
 - § 1.102(d) to make an application special.
 - § 1.138(c) to expressly abandon an application to avoid publication.
 - § 1.313 to withdraw an application from issue.
 - § 1.314 to defer issuance of a patent.

FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee	Small Entity Fee	Fee Description	Fee paid
50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
130	65	Surcharge - Late nonprovisional filing fee or oath	\$
180	180	Submission of IDS	\$
40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
120	60	Extension for reply within first month	\$
450	225	Extension for reply within second month	\$
1,020	510	Extension for reply within third month	\$
1,590	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
2,160	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
790	395	Submission After Final 1.129	\$
500	250	Notice of Appeal	\$
500	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
1,000	500	Request for oral hearing	\$
130	65	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	\$
800	400	Design Issue Fee	\$
790	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$
130		Request for voluntary publication or republication	\$
500	250	Petition to Revoke - unavoidable	\$
1,500	750	Petition to Revoke - unintentional	\$
200		Filing for patent term adjustment	\$
400		Request for reinstatement of term reduced	\$
1,120		Extension of term of patent	\$
OTHER FEE (specify)			\$

Subtotal (Additional Fees)

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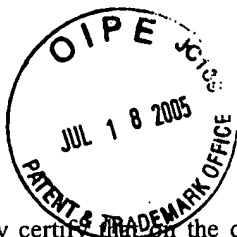
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/928,259	Confirmation No. : 5732
Applicants : Lloyd E. Fladgard and Scott C. Fladgard	
Filed : August 11, 2001	Attorney Docket No.: 470692-0006-US01P
Art Unit : 3724	Customer No. : 27,076
Examiner : Douglas D. Watts	
Title : EXTENDED LIFE CUTTING BLADES FOR HAND-HELD CUTTING TOOLS	

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Director under 37 CFR 1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment issued on June 27, 2005 in the above-identified application on the basis that a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), including an amendment and a petition and payment for a 3-month extension of time, was timely filed on June 21, 2005 in response to a final Office Action dated December 21, 2004. The RCE, including the amendment and a petition and payment for a 3-month extension of time, was timely filed on the last day to respond to the final Office Action.

As evidence, a copy of the date stamped-received postcard is attached indicating that the RCE, including the amendment, was mailed on June 21, 2005 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 24, 2005. Also enclosed is a copy of the RCE, including the amendment and the petition and payment for a 3-month extension of time, which shows that it was sent using a certificate of mailing signed and dated June 21, 2005, the last day to respond

to the final Office Action. A printout of the Transaction History page for the above-identified application from Public PAIR is also enclosed evidencing receipt of the RCE and amendment.

In consideration of these submissions, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 does not require a fee. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure:

- Postcard
- Fee Transmittal (+ copy)
- Copy of this Petition
- Copy of Date Stamped-Received Postcard
- Copy of Request for Continued Examination
- Copy of Response
- Copy of Transaction History Page (PAIR)

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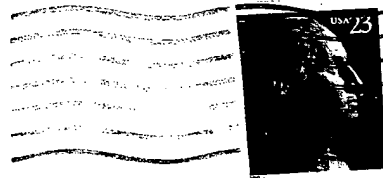


Kindly acknowledge receipt of the below-listed documents by placing your receiving stamp hereon and mailing:

Check; Fee Transmittal Sheet (+ copy); Request for Continued Examination (+ copy);
Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116; in re: Lloyd E. Fladgard and Scott C. Fladgard,
USAN 09/928,259, filed August 11, 2001, for EXTENDED LIFE CUTTING BLADES FOR
HAND-HELD CUTTING TOOLS.

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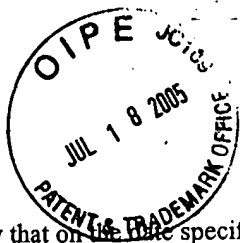


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicants request continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Submission previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on _____.

- b. ☒ Submission enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

2. Suspension of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

3. Accompanying Papers

- ☒ Postcard
- ☒ Check
- ☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet
- ☐ Petition

4. Deposit Account

- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3700**

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

Applicants herewith petition the Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for a 3-month extension of time for filing the response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2004, from March 21, 2005, to June 21, 2005. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$510 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1266. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 9-17, 31-37, 39, and 45 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A cutting blade for a hand-held cutting tool configured to mount the cutting blade with first and second mounting rods that are spaced from one another by a mounting distance, comprising:

a body having first and second shear faces, the first and second shear faces being spaced from one another;

at least three mounting holes passing through the body, a first pair of the mounting holes being spaced the mounting distance from one another and a second pair of the mounting holes being spaced the mounting distance from one another, at least one of the mounting holes of the second pair not being included in the first pair of mounting holes;

a first shear edge adapted to cooperate with a reciprocating cutting member to shear a workpiece when the first and second mounting rods are received in the first pair of mounting holes, the first shear edge being spaced from the first pair of mounting holes by a first distance and in a first orientation with respect thereto and the first shear edge being spaced from the second pair of mounting holes by a second distance and in a second orientation with respect thereto, wherein at least one of the second distance and the second orientation differs from a respective one of the first distance and the first orientation; and

a second shear edge adapted to cooperate with the reciprocating cutting member to shear the workpiece when the first and second mounting rods are received in the second pair of mounting holes, the second shear edge being spaced from the first shear edge, the second shear edge being spaced from the second pair of mounting holes by the first distance and in the first orientation with respect to the second pair of mounting holes.

2. (Original) The cutting blade of claim 1 wherein there are three mounting holes, one of the mounting holes of the first pair comprising one of the mounting holes of the second pair.

3. (Original) The cutting blade of claim 1 wherein the at least three mounting holes comprise a central mounting hole, a first outer mounting hole and a second outer mounting hole, the central mounting hole being spaced from each of the first and second outer mounting holes by said mounting distance, the first pair of mounting holes comprising the central mounting hole and the first outer mounting hole and the second pair of mounting holes comprising the central mounting hole and the second outer mounting hole.

4. (Original) The cutting blade of claim 1 further comprising a blunt first guide surface extending transversely between the first and second shear faces along a first elongate edge of the body.

5. (Original) The cutting blade of claim 4 wherein the first shear edge is positioned at a junction of the first guide surface and the first shear face and the second shear edge is positioned at a junction of the first guide surface and the second shear face.

6. (Original) The cutting blade of claim 4 wherein the first guide surface is flat to lie flush against a face of the workpiece while the workpiece is sheared.

7. (Previously Presented) The cutting blade of claim 1 wherein the at least three mounting holes includes a third pair of mounting holes, the mounting holes of the third pair being spaced said mounting distance from one another, at least one of the mounting holes of the third pair being included in neither of the first and second pairs of mounting holes, the cutting blade further comprising a third shear edge adapted to cooperate with the reciprocating cutting member to shear the workpiece, the third shear edge being spaced from the first and second shear edges, the third shear edge being spaced from the third pair of mounting holes by the first distance and in the first orientation with respect to the third pair of mounting holes.

8. (Previously Presented) The cutting blade of claim 6 wherein the at least three mounting holes includes a fourth pair of mounting holes, the mounting holes of the fourth pair being spaced said mounting distance from one another, at least one of the mounting holes of the fourth pair being included in none of the first, second and third pairs of mounting holes, the

cutting blade further comprising a fourth shear edge adapted to cooperate with the reciprocating cutting member to shear the workpiece, the fourth shear edge being spaced from the first, second and third shear edges, the fourth shear edge being spaced from the fourth pair of mounting holes by the first distance and in the first orientation with respect to the fourth pair of mounting holes.

9-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A cutting blade for a hand-held cutting tool of the type having a motor, a casing having a support adapted to carry a pair of fixed cutting blades in a spaced-apart relationship, and a reciprocating cutting member which pivots about a transverse axis to reciprocate between the fixed cutting blades, the cutting blade comprising:

a body having spaced-apart first and second shear faces, the first and second shear faces defining a thickness of the body;

a first guide surface extending between the first and second shear faces along a first elongate edge of the body;

a first shear edge defined at the junction between the first guide surface and the first shear face and a second shear edge defined at the junction between the first guide surface and the second shear face, the first and second shear edges being parallel to and spaced from one another by the thickness of the body;

a first pair of mounting points adapted to mate with the support of the housing to position the first shear edge adjacent the reciprocating cutting member for shearing a workpiece ~~and to position the second shear edge transversely outwardly of both the reciprocating cutting member and the first shear edge, the first pair of mounting points including a central mounting point spaced a first distance from the first shear edge and a first distal mounting point spaced a different second distance from the first shear edge; and~~

a second pair of mounting points adapted to mate with the support of the housing to position the second shear edge adjacent the reciprocating cutting member for shearing a

workpiece and to position the first shear edge transversely outwardly of both the reciprocating cutting member and the second shear edge, the second pair of mounting points including the central mounting point, which is spaced the first distance from the second shear edge, and a third distal mounting point spaced the second distance from the second shear edge.

19-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Original) The cutting blade of claim 18 wherein the blade further comprises a second guide surface extending between the first and second shear faces along a second elongate edge of the body, the second guide surface being spaced from the first guide surface; a third shear edge defined at the junction between the second guide surface and the first shear face; and a fourth shear edge defined at the junction between the second guide surface and the second shear face.

23. (Original) The cutting blade of claim 22 wherein the blade further comprises a third mount adapted to mate with the support of the housing to position the third shear edge adjacent the reciprocating cutting member for shearing a workpiece with the fourth shear edge being spaced transversely outwardly from both the reciprocating cutting member and the third shear edge; and a fourth mount adapted to mate with the support of the housing to position the fourth shear edge adjacent the reciprocating cutting member for shearing a workpiece with the third shear edge being spaced transversely outwardly from both the reciprocating cutting member and the fourth shear edge.

24-43. (Cancelled)

44. (Previously Presented) The cutting blade of claim 1 wherein the at least one mounting hole of the second pair that is not included in the first pair does not receive a mounting rod when the first and second mounting rods are received in the first pair of mounting holes.

45. (Cancelled)

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 18, 22, 23 and 44 are currently pending and have been allowed in this application. In the Office Action dated December 21, 2004, claims 16-17, 31-36 and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Ramun (U.S. Patent No. 6,202,308). Claims 9-15, 37, 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramun (U.S. Patent No. 6,202,308). Claims 9-17, 31-37, 39 and 45 have been cancelled in this paper.

The Examiner is thanked for his careful examination of the present application and for his indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants are therefore canceling claims 9-17, 31-37, 39, and 45 in the present application in order to conform with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. It is understood, however, that the applicants do not agree with the Examiner's rejections based on the cited references, and are canceling claims solely for the purpose of expediting the issuance of the allowable subject matter. Applicants therefore reserve the right to include any of the present claims, in non-amended form, in any continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part application.

Applicants therefore request favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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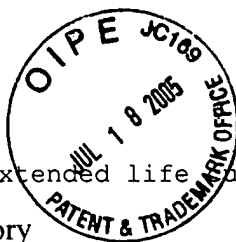
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Transaction History

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06-24-2005	Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin
06-27-2005	Mail Abandonment for Failure to Respond to Office Action
06-23-2005	Abandonment for Failure to Respond to Office Action
12-21-2004	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)
12-16-2004	Final Rejection
10-16-2004	IFW TSS Processing by Tech Center Complete
10-16-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner
10-16-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner
09-22-2004	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
10-16-2004	DISPOSAL FOR A RCE/CPA/129 (express abandonment if CPA)
09-22-2004	Request for Extension of Time - Granted
12-24-2003	Reference capture on IDS
09-22-2004	Workflow incoming amendment IFW
09-22-2004	Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin
03-22-2004	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)
03-19-2004	Final Rejection
01-13-2004	Date Forwarded to Examiner
12-29-2003	Response after Non-Final Action
12-29-2003	Request for Extension of Time - Granted
12-24-2003	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
08-20-2003	Mail Non-Final Rejection
08-18-2003	Non-Final Rejection
08-14-2003	Date Forwarded to Examiner
07-02-2003	Supplemental Response
06-11-2003	Date Forwarded to Examiner
05-28-2003	Response to Election / Restriction Filed
05-09-2003	Mail Notice of Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment
05-09-2003	Date Forwarded to Examiner
04-18-2003	Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment after Examiner Action
04-18-2003	Response to Election / Restriction Filed
03-18-2003	Mail Restriction Requirement
03-14-2003	Requirement for Restriction / Election
11-19-2002	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
07-17-2002	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
04-18-2002	Application Dispatched from OIPE
04-17-2002	Application Is Now Complete
03-05-2002	Payment of additional filing fee/Preexam
03-05-2002	A statement by one or more inventors satisfying the requirement under 35 USC 115, Oath of the Applic
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